My dear Grandpapa, Many thanks for your last letter. We dined at Lauriston[[1]](#footnote-1) yesterday.

I suppose I am glad to say for the last time, just, now. What disagreeable weather this is, though it will do a great deal of good; it did nothing but pour, all yesterday & today it looks as if it would do the same so our bathing is stopped, it is so cold.

Mama, Papa, Aunt Kitty & Uncle Jack are going to dine at the Cockburns[[2]](#footnote-2) to-night; and ~~so~~ we will have it all our own way.

I am longing so, to begin to pack it will be so much more agreeable than the last time. I am only writing this, so that you can’t say I am in your debt, so it is not to be very long. We dined at Abbey hill[[3]](#footnote-3) on Monday & missed Gracie[[4]](#footnote-4) not being there, very much, I hope you and Grandmama are quite well. With kind love,

Believe me,

ever yours afftely

C M Keir

32 Charlotte Sqre

Edinburgh

Wednesday

June 9th 1852

I hope thats right

at last

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1. Lauriston House Edinburgh was the home of Mr W.S.Oliphant it had 7.5acres of grounds. In 1854 it was sold, 2 acres reserved for the Chalmers Hospital, the rest of the land and the house were let out as a boarding school. The house was later demolished to make way for a larger hospital. The hospital was built in 1860 to the plans of architect J.Dick Peddie. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Lord Cockburn a circuit judge & friend of the Keirs he lived at 14 Charlotte Square [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Lady Menzies home in Edinburgh, Abbey Hill House [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Gracie is her mother’s stepsister, the daughter of Sir Neil Menzies & Lady Menzies. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)